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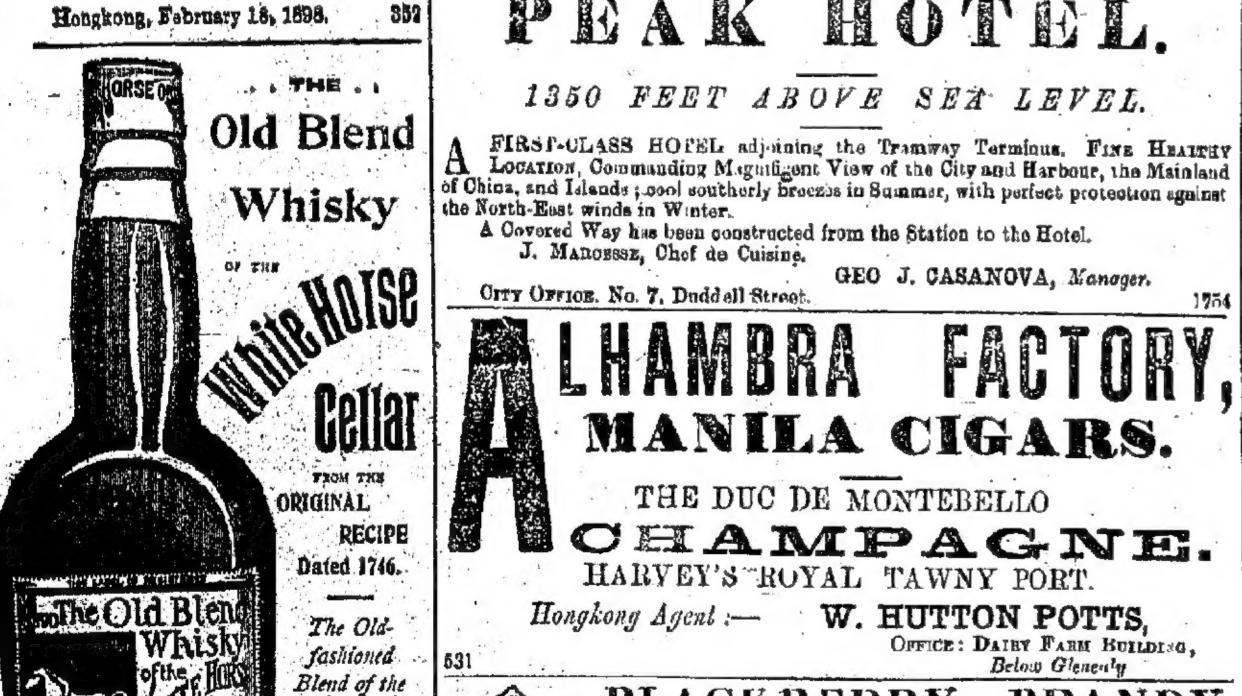
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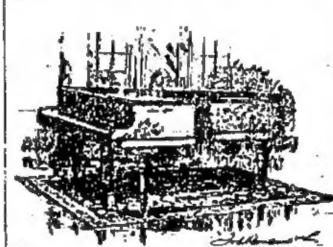
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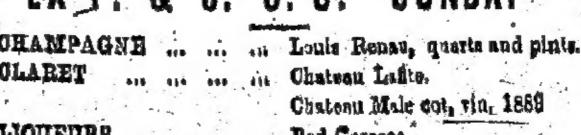
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

SHAREHOLDER are hereby informed that the Sum of Max. Dollars Two HUNDRED and FORTY-SIX (\$246), being the last DIVIDEND of the Company's Assets, is PAYABLE in Hongkong, at the Hong. CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY KONG AND SHANGHAI BARRING CORPORA. LIMITED. TION, and in Haiphong at the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, fr. m the let April to the 15th April, 1898, against surrender of Scrip.

By Order. ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,

Hongkong, March 9, 1898.

BOMBAY FIRE INSURANCE COM-

PANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been Appoint ed AGENTS of the acove Company, are prepared to accept FIRE RISKS.

p. p. TATA & Co., M. M. MEHTA, Hongkong, August 3, 1897.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

N EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of A SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY will be Held at the Corpany's Offices, No. S, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 21st March, at 12 o'clock Noon, when the Subjeited Resolutions, which were passed at the Extraordin-ary Meeting held on the 28th February, 1894, will be Submitted for Confirmation as

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS. SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS.

That Articles Nos. 53 and 122 of the Articles of Association of the Company be altered by eliminating therefrom the word 'February' and aubstituting therefor the word 'March.' That Article No. 7 be altered by insert-

ing the words for Extra Reserve Fund immediately after the word ' Fund' in the sixth line of the said Article, and the words ' and Extra Reserve Fund' immediately after the word 'Fand' in the seventh

the word be in the fourth line of such That the following Articles be inserted immediately after Article No. 121, and be

numbered Articles 121A, and 121B.

191A - Although the Reserve Fund may amount to the sum of One M lion Dollars the Directors may neversbeless at their discretion from time to time appropriate a portion of the net income and profits carned by the Company in any one year to the formation of an additional Reserve Fund, to be called "Extra Reserve Fund."

THE CERTIFICATE of 12 BRANKS

JAS, B. COPCETAIN,

THE Ninth Ordinary Annual General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be Held at the Com-pany's Office. No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria on TUESDAY, the 22nd March, at 12 o'c'ock Notes, for the purpose of receiving 's Statement of Accounts for

the year ending 31st December, 1897, Declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to to 22ad March, both days inclusive. SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,

General Managere. Hongkong, March 8, 1898.

NOTICE.

THE Twentieth Ordinary Annual MEET-ING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the COMPANY will to He'd at the OFFICES of the General Agents, at Noon, on WED-NESDAY, the 23rd March, for the purpose of receiving their Report with a Statement of Accounts to Star December, 1897.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the

23rd March, both days inclusive. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.. General Agents, Hongkong, March 1, 1898.

LTZON BUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

FIRE Sixteenth Ordinary Annual MEET-ING of the SHAREHOLDERS of

the Company with be Held at the OPRIORS of the General Agents, Pedder Strat, at 12.80 p.m., on WEDNESDAY, 23rd M. reh; for the purpose of receiving their R.p rt and a Statement of Accounts to Slat Dec. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-

23rd March, both days inclus ve. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents. Hongkong, March 1, 1898.

THE OHINA MANILA S. S. CO.

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THE Fifteenth Ordinary General MEET-ING of SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY will be Held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 21st March, 1898, et 11 ately after the word 'Find' in the seventh line of the said Article.

That Article No. 121 be altered by inserting the words and subject to the provisions of Articles 121A and 121B' immediately after the word sum and before the word the in the foreth line and before Auditors.

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General Managers. Hongkong, March 1, 1898.

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Having this day presented at your Office the papers in connection with my late	TT II TO THE TAX TO TH	London & Ports of Ot Bun
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Yours very truly, (Sd.) L. J. VERGARA.	VICTORIA CHAPTER, No. 525, E.C.	Nagasaki, Kobé& Y'm Yam New York, v SuezUanar Bans
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ALTERATION OF PROGRAMME.		Swatow, Amoy & T'su. Haile Sydney & Melbourne, Coki Tacoma (Wash.), &c Onla
-In consequence of the Kowloon	VICTORIA PRECEPTORY.	Valentie (BC.). Com
RANGE having been given to the VOLUNTEERS on SATURDAY NEXT, the Programme for the Naval and MILITARY	A VICTORIA PRECEITORY will be held	Władivostock v. N'ki Saga
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Hon. Secretary, S. M. WILSONE.	Bills of Lading will be countersigned by	Gaitskell, Baikett, E. W. M. K. Fluomer, Mrs Gile, and Miss Rubinson; for Sa
SATURDAY, 23rd, 24th, and 26th	Agents.	Mrs Cousland and 2 childre burg, Miss K. N. Flees n ; i
March, 1898. Commonding at 9 p.m.,		Mr and M . Head, Miss I Langenbac , Mr and Mrs T Mrs Thorokike; for Hayan
THE ORIGINAL FARCE	N	Chue Sing; for Liverpool, mond, Mr I. C. Samuels, and

for Shanghai, Mrs Paternore, Mrs Harrison, Messrs E. N. Butt, W. V. Drummond. J. Jebsen, G. Burton, L A. Choy, Lo Wing Yone, and Chin Wah" Shun; for Nagasaki, Mr and Mrs E A. Measor, and Mr Ng Pak Chan; for Kabe, Col. and Mrs Temple, Mr and Mrs Baruch, Mr and Mrs Brierly, Miss Pease, Miss A. E. Batec, Mr. and Mrs C zine, Messia M. Lohming. Bultmanns, F. R. von Schooller, and Lo. Pun Kok; for Yokohama, Mr D. R. Pochsji, Miss M E. Cameron, Mc G. L. Blaske, Mr and Mrs A. P. MacEwen and child, Mrs T. H. Hayes, Mr Kwong Ah Migon, and Mrs Homming; for Vancouver, B.C., Messrs N. M. Pon , Platman, Symmons, and S. Clark; for Victoria. B.O. Mrs A-cheong ; for Tacoma, Mrs Kempand 2 children, Mrs A. K. Scort and daughter : for Sun Fr noisco, Cal., Mrs Pakenham, Mrs T. Wilson, Mesus F. C. Gates, A. Gaitakell, Baikett, E. W. Blodgett, Mrs M. K Pluomer, Mrs Gile, Muster Gile. and Miss Rubinson; for Stattle, Mr and Mrs Cousland and 2 children; for Pittsburg, Miss K. N. Flees n ; for New York, Mr and M . Head, Miss Head, Mr O. Langenbac , Mr and Mrs Thorndike, and Mrs Thorokike; for Havana, Mr Wong Chue Sing; for Liverpool, Mr J. Rich. mond, Mr I. C. Samuels, and Dr H. Black-ARRIVALS, burn; for London, Mrand Mrs MacMullen, March 15. Miss MacMuller, Rov. and Mrs Beauchamp, Sabine Rickmers, German steamer, 598, Mis es Margary (2), Miss E. K. Divon, J. Sanders, Amoy March 14, Ballast,-Miss M. F. Janson, Mrs H ffmeister, Md and Mrs J. W. Hose, Mesers W. A. ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co. Dixon, J. Dixor, D. R. Marshall, W. H. Ric, German str., 1,109, C. Christensen, Halliday, and T. Potter. For Vancouver, Japan March 9 .- JEBSEN & Co. B.C.: from Shanghai, Messra G. Boyer and J. Marshall. For New York: from March 16. Robilla, British str., 2,216, S. de B. Shanghai, Mrs W. H. Furness. For Lou-Lockyer, R.N.R., Yokohama March 8, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co, Donar, German str., 1.015, B. Grundham, Mr G. Storing. mann, Kobe March 10, General.-LAUTS, WEGENER & Co.

General.—Butterfield & Swire.

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Shanghai March 13, General, -0, M. S.

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don: from Shanghai, Messrs A. and J W. Goodwin, and A. Harvey; from Yoko-SHIPPING REPORTS. Monelaus, British steamer, 3,006, W The British steamer Menelaus reports Towell, Liverpool and Singapore Merch 9, Fresh N.N.E. winds and high sea, frequent rain squalls all through, with the exception Sagami Maru, Japanese str., 1,168, T. of a fresh gale off Macclesfield Bank. Mural, Keelung March 14, General,-The British steamer Onsang reports: Generally fine weather to Cabra; from Tordenskjold, Norwagian steamer, 737, D. thence strong monsoon and high sea, with L. Danielsen, M ji March 10, Cost .\_\_

and Wm. Crost; for Fouchow, Mussrs L

Per Esmera da, for Manila, Mosers H. W.

Aitken, W. J. Blackhall, L. W. Brandt

Per Empress of Junin, from Hongkong :

S. Crawford, C. E. Pierce and Kut Wan.

cloudy weather. The British steamer Menmuir reports! S.E. gale Sydney to Mareton Bay; squally and wet to Townsville ; thence to Thorsday Island, light winds and showery; Thur day Island to Poit Darwin, Westerly gale and Onsang, Brillah atr., 1,778, J. Young, heavy bead sea; thouse to Mindoro Strait. Java Ports March 5, Sugar, ... Jan INS, N. W. winds, dirty weather and choppy can ! aprous the China Sea, N. E. gala and heavy | been provided for posting Correspondence for Menmuir, British ateamen, 2,000, W. Q. | 800.

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Vessels. Date of Leaving. Agents. Australian Ports ..... Paiyuan (s)...... Butterfield & Swire. Mar. 29, at 8 p.m. Bromen & Ports of Cal Bayers (s) :...... Norddoutscher Lloyd Mar. 30, at 9 a.m. Kobe and Yokohama. Yamaguchi Maru (8) ... Nappon Yusen K isha. Mar. 18, at 1 p.m. ON of the Kobe and Yokohama. K magawa Maru (a) .. Nippon Yuson K naha Mar. 23, at 4 p.m. London, v. Ports o. C. Oopsek (s)...... dolliday, Wise & Co., M cch 22. Manila ...... Zeliro (8) ..... iliewan, Tomes & Corff or, 18, at 5 p.m. Marseilles v. Saige Desenion (s) ........ Messageries Maritime Mar. 26, at nous M seilles, London, &c Casa Maru (s) ....... Nippen Yuson Katelia Mar. 18, at 4 p.m. New York, v Suez Uana Banalder (8) ..... Showan, Tomes & Co About April 5. New York, v. SuezC m. ( wole (8) ...... Dod well, Carbil & Co March 22. Portland, Oregon, &c. Mogul (8) ..... Dodwell, Carille & Co Mar. 29, at noon 8. Francisco v. Jap. Gaelie (s) ...... O. & O. S. S. C. Mar. 31, at mood. B. Francisco v. Jan Ci y of Rio de J'eir . (8, Pacific Mail S. S. O M.r. 23, daylight. Shanghar ...... Monclaus (ar. ..... Butterfield & Spire. Mar. 17, at 4 p.m. Stianghai ..... Chustn (s) .................................. S. N. Co. .... d.e. 19, daylight. S'hai, Y'ma & Hiogo. Andalusia (8)...... Carlowi'z & Co... March 24. Shanghai and Kobe, & Gisola (a) ...... Sander, Wieler & Co., Mrc. 19, daylight. S'hai, N'ki, K' bud Y'm d M mila (4) ..... P. & O. S. N. C ..... Mar. 23, daylight? S'pore, Havre & H'our, Coros (s) ...... Siomssent & Co. .... thout Mar. 30. S'pore, Col'bo & B'bay Idzami Mara (s) ...... Sippon Yusen Kaisha | dur. 22, at noon, Swatow, Amoy & T'su. Hailoong (8) ...... Jouglas Lapraik & Co Mar 17, atd oyl ght. Sydney & Melbourne, Pokio Mira (8)....... Vippon Yusen Kaisha April 1, at 4 p.m. Tacoma (Wash.), &c... Columbia (s)...... Jodwell, Carlill & Co Voril 5, at ocon. Pakow ...... Wohu (s) ....... Suttortiold & sweet . Mac 17, at 3 p.m. Vancouve (BC.), v Schoress o China (a. lanel au Par : C. April 6 v ment. Władivostock v. N'ki Sagami Maru (8) .... Nippon Yagan Kasta Har 18, at 4 p.in. wn 24, Thursday Island 26, Port Darwin | derato South and S Elly winds, tine, clear

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March 16. Per Naushan, at 11.30 c.m., on Thurs-From for Hollow. day, the 17th Much, Energia, for Shaughai, Esmeralda, for Amoy. For TAKOW.— Holstein, for Saigan, Per Wuhu, at 2,30 p.m., on Thursday, Chousing, for Swatow, tine 17th March. Dirice to Empress of Jap n, for Shanghai and Van- Roy Kors & Very OHAMA Por Yamagachi Mara, a 2 39 panaj on Taiwan Maru, for Saigi n. Thursday, the 17th March. Rio, for Sailon. FOR PHANGBAL, CHEF JO. CHEMUL. Dapline, for Vladiv stook. PO. NAGASAKI, FUSAN, GENSAN Tsinan, for Port Darwin, &c. & VLADIVOSTOUR .--Kutsang, for Singapore and Calcutta-Por sugami Mara, at 3 30 p.m., on Friday, the 18th March. CLEARED. For SINGAPORE, PENANC, & CO. Progress, for Kob. LOMBO -, will be Trumph, for Pakhoi, Per Tosa Maru, at 3.30 p.m., on Friday, O-MOR. Hailoang, for Swatow. the 18th March

Kechidate Maru, for Kale. For SHANGHAL -Glenavon, for Saigon. Per Chusun, Registration at 4, fo pem. Zakro, for Manila. Letters at 5 p.m., on Fritay, the Atlantic, for Rajung. 18.h March. (tale Lutters o. 10) to H'uotan, for Saigon. 5.30 p.m. Evra Postage 10 cents ) For SINGAPORE -PASSENGERS. Per Jupan, at 10 a.m., on Saurday,

the 19th M reb. Per Robilla, from Yokobama, Mes Bow-FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA. den and 2 children, Mass Nelson. Me and Per Halitte, at o p.m., on Safurday, the Mrs Russell, Miss Blac ., Messa T. Sing'e-19th March. t n, H. B. Ciayton, and T. Ode, and 15 For SINGAPORU, PANANG & BOM-Chingge, BAY. Per Menelaus, from Singapore, 200 Chi-Per Bormille at 11,30 a, m., on Thes lay, the 22nd March. Ter Mestho, from Shanghai, Cap', Brad. For MOJI, KOBE, Y. KOHAMA, VIC. ley, Mr Zoller, and 71 Chinese. TORIA & TACONA. -Per Ons my, tron dava, 5 C ameso. Per Columbia, at 11.50 .m., on Taes bay, Per Mennair, from Spiney, &c , Mrs McArthur, Miss Notson and maid, Miss the 5 h April.

Descon, Mi s Duday, M issas W. Comming. J. Dickinson, J. Hat y, H. Kelsell, A. D. MAILS By THE BRITISH PAREET, --Padlett Thompson, T. Willeo k. C mdr. The Bertia's Courseau Packet Bertial Buvacu'ra d'Aimores, D. Machadoni' Arango, will be decident of an EA FURDAY, Messrs Cory G. José Sasti, J se Sing the 19th March, with Mails for the Marquis, Father M. Alveres, Mesars D. United Kingdom, Europe, and come. M. Logos, R. Fullarton, and H. Marshall brios beginni, and Briefled; to the Per Chow Fa, from Burgkok, Masses Straite Saulemants, Nationlands India. Schul za. Van der Zaipeo, Allen, Murray, Burmah, Coylon, Adon, Egypt, M. Ha, Stephenson, and 35 Chinesa. and Gilmalant. Per Machille, from Haiphong, 34 Chiuses, bones will be observed sleaine, the Main & o DEPARTED.

Per Haitan, for Amy, Mesers Moller MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PLOKET, -The United States Mail Packet City of Rio de Joneiro will be despatente TUESDAY, the 22nd March, with Maile Silby, Eurique Marcaids, and Meyer, 20 for Shanghei, Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Poru, &c. which will be clused as follows ---4.00 PM. Registry censes. 5.00 PM. Post Office closes.

MAILS BY THE GERMAN PACKET, -German Contract Packet Baye'n will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 30th March, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe and comitries beyond, via Brindisi; to the Straits Seitlements, Batavia, Burmah, Caylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta,

See, de, Registry coases at 7 30 a.m. The mail closes at 8 s.m. Late Letters 8.10 to 8.30 a.m., with 10 couts extra postago.

HOURS OF CLOSING THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH MAILS. When the Packets leave at Noon.

The following hours will be observed in closing the Mails for Europe, &c., by the English and French Packets, when they eave at Noon. The Money Order Office, will be closed at 5 the day before. 8.00 A.M. -Posting of Prices Current and Circulara ceasos. (Prices Current and Circulars may

however be posted up to 10 o'clock

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by country, with the addresses all one way). 10.00 A.M.—Registry ceases. 10.39 A. M. Posting of Newspapers, Books, and Patterns ceases. 11.00 A.M. - Mail closes.

LATE LETTERS may be posted (from 11.10 A.M.) with 10 cents late fee up to 12.50 A.M., after which hourthey may be sent on Board with the same Late

REGISTRATION .- Correspondence can be re-

gistered for all Private Ship mails up to five

minutes before the time for closing; for the Shanghai or Japan contract mails up to a quarter of an hour before; for mails for Europe, America, and Canada, &c., up to an hour be-fore; for Indian, Northern Pacific, and Torres Straits mails up to half an hour before.

responsibility for unregistered Letters containing bank notes, coin, or jewellery, and, where Institute. Registration has been neglected, will make no ENQUIRIES into alleged losses of such letters (Post Guide, Par 80]

LOCAL DELIVERIES, Separate Boxes have the Town, How con and the Peak, The Boxes

A LIMOS. FOR TO-MORROW. Shipping. Daylight. - Hailvong leaves for Swatow. 3 p.m. - Wichu leaves for Takow.

4 p.m. - Monelans leaves for Shanghai, Amusements. 9. p.m. -Brough Comedy Co. at the City

Miscellaneous. Goods per Gerda undelivered after this date subject to rent. Guoda per Maria Valerie undelivered after this date subject to rent. Gobds, per Benconlich undelivered after this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda. FRIDAY, March 18 :-9 p.m. -Meeting of Eothen Mark Lodge. 9 p.m. -Brough, Comedy Co. at the City Goods per Wakasa Maru unclaimed after this date subject to rent. Goods per Catherine Apear undelivered after 4 p.m. this date landed,

ATURDAY, March 19:-9 p.m. - Convocation of the Cathay Chap-Hongkong Cotton Spinning Weaving and Dyeing Co., Ltd., duo. IONOAY, M rch 21 :-

China Manila S. S. Co., Led., in the Company's Office.

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Green Island Coment Co., Ltd., in the Company's Cilice, No. 9, Praya Centra . WEDNESDAY, March 23:-

China Sugar Refining Co., L'd., at ] the Offices of the General Agents. 12.30 p.m .-- Meeting of Shareholders of the Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at

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At the Gorman Legation, Poking, on the 25th February, the wife of Dr O. FRANKE, of a daughter.

The publication of this issue commenced at 6.00 p.m.

The China Mail.

Ir will be seen from Reuter's telegram which we publish to-day, that Mr George Curzon has stated in the House of Commons that the defences of Hongkong have been under the consideration of the Government for some time. As much was known in Hongkong a considerable time ago, and Renter adds nothing to our information. During the past year or so much has been written about the inadequate defences of Hongkong, both in the local newspapers and in some of the lead-First Instalment of \$20 per Share of the ling journals in England, and in other ways hy private letters from Hongkong the subject has been forced upon the attention of 11 a.m. -Meeting of Shereholders of the the Commander-in-chief, Lord Wolseley, and his staff at Headquarters, upon the The O. & O. Co.'s s. S. Gaelic, with mails, Noon, -Meeting of Shareholders of the leading Members of Parliament, including China Fire Insurance Company, Lid., the present Ministry and ex-Ministers, and at the Company's Office, No. 3, Queen's it now seems highly probable that the War 5.30 p.m. - Meeting of Victoria Chapter. Authorities are about to take some definite Entries of Lawn Tonnis Tournament action for the proper defence of this Colony. The importance of Hongkong as a Naval base goes on rapidly increasing, but the equipment of the Naval Yard is not sufficient to keep up with the demands upon it. The staff in the yard has been strengthened, and some minor improve-Noon .- Meeting of Shareholders of the ments have been effected, but it is difficult to imagine how, with the reinforcements from home, the Naval Authorities will be able in the pear future to cope with the enormous demands which will be made by our large fleet in these waters. The large additions to foreign fleets

in the China Sea, and the massing of large The N. Y. K. s. s. Tosa: Maru left Yokobodies of Russian, German and French. troops at no very considerable distance from the Colony, in the eyes of experts, imperils Hongkong, and certainly brings about a great change in the strategic position of the Colony. General Black has been very energetic in acquainting himself with the weak points of the Colony, having visited them all personally. No doubt he has kept the Authorities at home in full knowledge of the military requirements of the Colony, and when he returns home at the close of his term of service in Hongkong he will bring personal influence to bear on his previous suggestions for the improvement of the defences of the Golony. Last year's estimates provide for an increase to the garrison of the Colony, and this increase is to be effected by three companies of Royal Artillary, each comprising 207 of all ranks, two companies of about 150 of all ranks having been the former strongth of the Royal Artillery in the Colony. It! would appear that the corps of Chinese Sappers, which was organized as an experi- The P. M. Co.'s s. s. China, with mails, ment, has proved a success, for the estimates show an increase in that body of from fifty

to seventy men. A combination of circumstances renders some very important changes necessary in the Barracks for the troops at the commencement of next month. Surgeon-Colonel Evatt, Chief of the Medical Staff in the Colony, has watched with a jealous eye the health of the troops, and it is generally supposed that it was through his exertions that the magnificent Mount Austin premises were acquired. These premises are expected to be ready for needless to mention the vast improvement in the health of the troops that will be effected large extension to be carried out at the Naval Yard, the Military Authorities will be deprived of the North Barracks and married quarters, the Headquarters' Offices and a portion of Wellington Baracks. On the vacation of the Victoria Barracks by the infantry, the portion of the Royal Artillery stationed in North Barracks will move into Victoria Barracks; New Head quarters' Offices will have to be erected elsewhere, on ground provided by the Naval Authorities, and married quarters will be erected on a site between Kennedy's The subject of a Municipal Council for schemes already in progress, and those Rangoon Gazette provided for by last year's estimates, and An important announcement was made years to come.

There is some prospect of H.E. Sir Charles Mitchell travelling from Singapore to goes home on nine months' leave, returning to Singapore for another year's service. To-Morrow afternoon on the Happy Valley F. Osward, forwards.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL. (SUPPLIED THROUGH REUTER.) OUTWARD BOUND !- Houndow, Feb. 4 Alton, Latona, Yarronodale, 11 Rose Cristie, 15; Avala, 18; Bengloe, St. Mary, 22; Balazie, Queen Olga, Queen Margaret, 25; Antenor, Candia, St. Andrews, March 1 ; Formosa, Macduff, Kintuck, Glenturret, Rugby, 4; Thekla, 8 Glenariney, Glengyle, Prinz Heinrich, Sarpedon, Afridi, Croydon, Eiffel Tower, Isis, Wennington Hall, 15.

HOMEWARD BOUND :- Malacca, Feb. 8 Benledi, Kriemhild, Della, 18 : Priam, March 4; Ceylon, Yarra, Port Adelaide; 8; Hector, Senta, 11; Darmstadt, 15.

The P. & O. Co.'s s. s. Chasen, with the English Mail of 18th February, left Singapore on Sunday, the 13th March, at 8 a m., and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 18th March This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on Jan. The C. P. R. Co.'s s. s. Empress of China

urrived at Yokohama at 7 a.m. on Tuesday, the 15th March, and will leave at 5 a.m., on Wednesday, the 10th March, for Kobe, where she is expected to arrive at 5 a.m., on Thursday, the 17th March. left San Francisco for this port via

Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 22nd Feb. he P. M. Co.'s s. s. City of Peking, with mails &c., left San Francisco for

this port via Yokohama, Inland Ses, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 3rd March.

Steamers. Kapested, The N. G. I. s. s. Bormida left Singapore for this port on March 10th, and may be expected here on or about the 16th

The C. M. Co.'s str. Kintuck, from Glasgow and Liverpool, passed the Canal on the 6th March, and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 24th March. The Austrian Lloyd's s. s. Gisela left Sin-

gapore for this port on the afternoon; of 11th March. The O. S. S. Co.'s Tencer is expected to leave Singapore about 24th March. hama direct for this port on March

11th, and is expected to arrive here on the 17th March. The N. P. Co.'s s. s. Mogul has arrived at Yokohama, and sails for Kobe and Hongkong on the 16th March.

The N. P. Co. s s. s. Columbia has arrived at Yokohama and sails for Kobe and Hongkong on the 15th March. The E. & A. S. S. Co.'s str. Guthric, from . Sydney &c., left Port Darwin on the

14th March for this port. The N. P. Co.'s s. s. Tacoma sailed from Tacoma on the 13th March for Japan and Hongkong.

Latest Advices.

The D. D. str. Wally, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on 15th Masch, and may be expected here on or about the 21st March. The s. s. Monmouthshire, from Middles-

bro' and London, left Singapore on March 15th, and is due here on or about the 22nd March. The C. M. Co.'s str. Odong, from Glas-

YOW ADD LAverpool, left dingspore for ... this port on the afternoon of the 15th March, and may be expected here on or about the 21st March. The P. & O. Co.'s s. s. Manda left Sings pere for this port on the 16th March,

&c., which left hence Fob. 12th, for San Francisco via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu, arrived at her destination on the 13th March.

The O. & O. Co.'s a. s. Doric, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolule, Yokohama Koba Negasaki and Shanghai, on the 12th The H. A. L. str. Andalusia left Sings.

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Tas British Admiralty are inviting tenders for the building of four first-class cruisers.

occupation on 1st April, and after that date Commanden W. C. H. Hastings, Acting the four companies of the infantry regiment Police Magistrate, held an inquest in the will be quartered in these barracks. It is Gaol to-day, on the death of a prisoner, who was admitted to the Gaol on 28th December last on a charge of larceny. by this change to the hill district. By the Prisoner died yesterday in the hospital. A verdict of death from consumption was

THE leasehold property at the Peak, known as 'Craigieburn,' which Dr Atkinson, Principal Civil Medical Officer, recommended the Jubilee Committee to purchase as a Hospital for Women and Children, was, to-day, exposed for sale, by public auction, by Mr George P. Lammert, at his Sales. Rooms, Duddell Street. There being no offers, the property was withdrawn.

Stables in Garden Road and Kennedy Road. Hongkong has not been receiving much The increase to the garrison artillery also attention of late, but our Hongkong readers necessitates extensive building operations will read with interest the following Calat the various fortifications. With the cutta telegram (26th Feb.) published in the

the prospective schemes necessary for a still by the Lieutenant-Governor in the Bangal further increase of the garrison, the Military of State has sanctioned the Municipal Bill Authorities should be very busy for several for Calcutta which interposas between the main body of the Commissioners, who remain practically untouched, a working body of twalve elected and sppointed members so as to represent Government, the commercial communic Hongkong in a Japanese steamer. He ty, and residents. The Corporation will fix the rate of taxation, pass the budget, and decide large leaues. The Chairman will exercise all executive: power, either independently or subject APENTA.

the Hongkong Football Club will play the
25th Company, S.D., R.A. Kick off at
five o'clock. This will be the last match
by the Corporation, yet foo important to be in which the Hongkong Football Club will dealt with by the Chairman along The play for the present season. The Club idea, Sir Alexander Maskanele said, was team will be .-P. G. Davies, R.A., goal; a fair share in the municipal work and W. D. Mayoot, and C. T. Kew, backs ; F. responsibilities. The Bill will also suborts H. Kew, H. Pinckney, and H. W. Looker, provisions for opening up congested areas on lines somewhat similar to three in the halves | A. S. Anton, A. N. Other, W. A. Bill now before the Search Council beauty L. Lothbridge, R.O.R. J. P. Noble, and In by the formation of a Trust with foods

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retiring Chairman of the Shanghai Muni- tibute the Prizes and Certificates to London cipality, was entertained to a complimen- College of Music candidates on the aftertary banquet at the Shanghai Club. The moon of Monday next, in the City Hall. toast of the evening was proposed by Mi E. F. Alford, the Chairman.

WE are informed by the Secretary of the Sanitary Board that no cases of rinderpest have occurred, either on the 14th or 15th inst., at the premises of the Dairy Farm Company, at Sassoon's Villa, Pokfulam.

THE news has been received of the loss of the steamer Clara Nevada. From the reports received it appears that the vessel was bound for Scattle (Puget Sound) and that she foundered on the Alaskan coast. Her passengers were largely returning Klondyke miners. The crew numbered sixty-six. It is believed that all who were, on board have perished.

MESSES Shewan, Tomes and Co., have again the title was changed to the Hongreceived a telegram from San Francisco, to kong Companies, Royal Artillery. Under the effect that the American ailing schip | the most recent re-organisation, the title has New York had gone ashore, and was a total loss. The New York (Captain talion Royal Artillery. The company at Peabody) was a ship of 1897 tons, and was Singapore has been incorporated with the despatched by Messrs Shewan, Tomes, and Hongkong battalion, and the Singapore Co., on 14th January, with a miscellanous company will be changed periodically from

"True Solicitor" was repeated by the Brough Comedy Company last night to a very good house. It is unnecessary to say the fun was as fast and furious as ever, and the Company was called before the curtain repeatedly during and at the close of the performance. Mr and Mrs Brough were, of course, applauded upon their entrance and at their exits. The 'fussy' Colonel (Mr Roberts) was excellent. The slavey Bella (Miss Tomple) and Mary Kingston (Miss Hardy) were deservedly great favourites. That this company continues to be well supported is a gratifying fact, because it will encourage other first-class companies to come to the Colong. 'The Case of Rebellious Susan will be played to-night and to-morrow, and 'The Importance of Being Enruest' is announced for Monday and Tuesday next, after 'Niobe' is taken off.

Wa now learn definitely that H.M.S. Victorious went ashore at Port Said, and that, in order to refloat her, it was found necessary to discharge her coal and some of her armament. It would appear that the weather was somewhat unfavourable, and that may account for the delay in the announcement of her refleating and passage through the Sucz Canal, for when the last advices left Port Said it was stated that they did not expect to reflect her until the weather moderated. It is the intention. we believe to teamsfor Sin E. Segurour's fleg from the Centurion to the Victorious on her arrival in Hongkong; and it is by no means improbable that Rear-Admiral Fitzgerald will then transfer from the Grafton to the Centurion. There is some Eastwards over N. China. The highest talk in naval circles that the St. George is merely coming out to China with a relief crew for the Barfleur, whose men were rather disappointed at being sent out to Hongkong after three years and some months of service in the Mediterranean Station. There is still no news of the Edgar going home.

WE understand that at the present time the timber market is stiff, and that there is every prospect of prices rising during the ment six months. Owing to the unsettled state of the country in the Philippine Islands, there have been no shipments of timber to Hongkong for soveral months, and the renewed outbreak will further delay the cutting of timber in this important source of our supplies. The outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease has decimated the buffalues in the timber districts of the Philippines, preventing the fransportation to the coast of the limited stock on hand. The logs are hauled to the coast gulation white lights. On the hypothesisby the buffaloes—the only draught animal which he thought was well-founded—that the on the islands-and in consequence of the scarcity of spimals both the planting and steamer should have made out the foremest timber districts are suffering. The timber light of the junk at a distance of about three cutters in the Philippines only work for advances, and the merchants are naturally herself of the obligation laid upon her by do, what? To squeeze more than ever, not chary of sinking any further sums in advances when the men indebted to them, in neveral instances for quite considerable she would not have succeeded in doing so. smounts, are exposed to danger of being killed by rebels, or Spanish troops in pursuit of pillaging bodies of rebels. In the lights had been adverse to the junk, it aplatter case, the troops are more to be feared than the rebels, for they, have an un- on the steamer, the junk could have been Taicheong pleasant habit of stelking and shooting at made out at a greater distance than a quarany native in sight. First shoot, then | ter of a mile, and his Lordship was further enquire' is the maxim of the soldiery. So stances detailed in the evidence, that the Ir is reported in a Tacoma paper that the when the breath of trouble goes round, the distance at which the junk was actually Northern Pacific Steamship Company will hopes that the opposing factions will give ter of a mile. When the steamer first Alaskan is described as one of the most his particular neighbourhood a wide berth. A corresponding stringency exists in Sism. In consequence of the prolonged drought, the rivers have been small, preventing the arrival at Bangkok of the customary flotillas of raits from the upper districts. There of judgment on the part of the third officer | reported that the steamer was injured in is we believe, an abundance of timber on to starboard the helm of the steamer. He some way, and that the Northern Pacific hand there, but it will not be available for dence before the Court, the master of the of Tacoma. The Alaskan is a sister ship shipment to Hongkong till the wet sesson steamer could not be held in any way to to the Arizona, the first steamer to win sets in and the rivers rise to their summer | blame for the cullision, indeed he ar peared | the title of greyhound of the Atlantic. height. This scarcity of timber has, of avert it. He was also to be commended for Oriental route by the Northern Pacific course, an important effect upon the build- the prompt and effectual measures high he next May. Captain Panton has gone to bins months, prices have risen about 115 the opinions his Lordship expressed, so fer finess northern trans-Pacific liners. per cent, and present conditions point to an they related to matters of nautical skill The s.s. Haytan was hold solely to blame a still larger impresse in prices. Buildors for the collision, and judgment was entered and contractors are pulling long faces at for the plaintiffs, with the coats of the it appears that the expenses of the Imperial action. There would be a reference to the Palaces amount to Tla, 100,000 per menter at affect and what with increased Registers and merchants to assess the sem, paid monthly by the Board of Ro Wayon, Was their lot is not a happy amount of damages ellevelded by the Young to the Comptrollers Comercial of the

On the 10th inst., Mr A. R. Burkill, the Sm John Carrington has consented to dis-

A neport received from Odessa states that come time ago Russis purchased 50,000 tons of coal, which has not been delivered as expected. Several officials of the Naval Department, who are held to be responsible for the bungle, have been arrested.

THE section of our Garrison Artillery generally known as the Sikh Artillery has since its formation undergone several changes in its designation, and under the last reorganisation a radical change has been effected in its constitution., When the companies were first formed, they were called the China Gun Lascars, and two British officers, were attached to the companies. Some time afterwards, the name was changed to the Asiatic Artillery, and been changed to the Hongkong Asiatic Batthe Headquarters in Hongkong, Instead of the two officers with which the companies were provided at their formation, the complement is to be raised to thirteen British

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."]

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES. LONDON, 14th March, 1898. The Stanish Minister has presented his credentials to President McKinley. mutual expressions of cordiality and a desire for close friendly relations.

THE BRITISH TROOPS IN THE

This march of the British-brigade-t-Berher occupied four days and three nights, a remarkable feat. - A great number of the men were out their boots and arrived barefooted.

LORD SALISBURY'S HEALTH. The doctors have ordered Lord Salisbury to the Riviera in a week's time.

. Mr Balfour will conduct the current business at the Foreign Office during his

THE SECURITY OF HONGKONG. Mr Curzon stated in the House that steps required for the proper security of Hongkong had been occupying the Government for some time.

WEATHER REPORT The following notice is issued from the Observatory : -

On the 16th at 11.30 a. The barometer has fallen generally, particularly in the North. A depression seems to be moving pressure lies to the E. of Japan. Gradients Forecast :- light or moderate N. and N.E. winds : fine.

# SUPREME COURT.

IN ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION. (Before His Honour Sir John Corrington, Chief Justice, and Commander W. C. H. Hastings, Assessor.) Wednesday, March 16.

THE 'HAITAN COLLISION CASE. This was an action for damages arising out of a collision bot woon the British steamship Haitan and the Kum Shun Hing

unk, in the China Sea, between Hongkong and Swatow, on 4th August, 1897. Mr J. J. Francis (instructed by Mr C Ewens) appeared for the plaintiffs; Mr M.

V. Slade (instructed by Messre Deacon and Hastings) appeared for the defence. His Lordship delivered judgment in this case, in which Mak Lok, the owner of the unk, claimed \$0,808.56 for the loss of the junk and personal effects of himself, master and erow, and for cargo lost. On the balance of evidence, his Lordship came to the conclusion the junk was carrying the two rejunk was carrying lights, he was of opinion that on the night of the collision the rice shop in Honam had been treated in a miles. In this event there would have been ample time for the steamer to nuit caused, is the mandarin's opportunity-to: the Regulations for preventing Collisions at Sea, to keep out of the way of the junk, and it was hardly possible to believe that In this view of the case, his Lordship thought the steamer was to blame for the collision. Even if the finding on the question of peared, on consideration of the evidence, that if an efficient lookout had been kept of opinion, having regard to the circumstated, and that it was less than a quar- the Tacoma-Japan-China route. sighted the junk, she should have slackened famous steamers that ever engaged in before him. I got out of the difficulty by her speed, or stopped, or reversed, and if the Atlantic trade, and was for years this had been done the risk of a collision one of the fastest liners running out would have been much diminished. His of New York. She was sold some time Lordship further thought that, as the junk | ago to the Spanish Government for a was on the port bow of the steamer and transport steamer, or for some other devor on her starboard bow, it was an error service in connection with the navy. It is thought it right to say that, on the evi- has bought her again and will run her out to have done all that was in his power to The Arizona will be put on the Tacomatook for saving the lives of the crew of the England to bring her out. She will be the junk. The Nautical Assessor concurred in finest ship on the line, and one of the

TEMPERANCE IN THE ARMY. . THE 'KING'S OWN PRIDE' LODGE.

A very largely attended and successful session of the 'King's Own Pride Lodge' of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held in the Soldiers and Sailors' Institute on Monday. After the usual routine of business Surg.-Colonel Eyatt, P.M.O., accompanied by Lieut.-Col. Rowlandson and Sergt.-Major Wilson, favoured the Lodge with a visit, and after a couple of songs and a recitation had been rendered by members of the Lodge, Surg. Col. Evatt proceeded to deliver his Lecture on 'Medical aid to the wounded on the battle-field. Prefacing his remarks with a very urgent appeal to all present, to avoid the excessive use of strong drink, as being detrimental to health, and as the climate was very trying, he urged the ocembers to keep firm to their resolves. He spoke of the new quarters soon to be occupied at the Peak as a place, with every advantage for the welfare and sobriety of the men. stating that the most effectual way to make a man a sober man, was to house him well, feed him well and give him plenty of recreation. In the course of his lecture, he pointed out the great difficulty that had to he overcome in order to educate the authorities to the necessity of ferming The Medical Staff Corps. In retailing his experience, he explained how helpless a times the medical officer was to efficiently deal with the wounded through lack of ed. He also skatched the system that is now in force, which, although not what it ought to be, was destined to add causiderably to the comfort of the wounded can rade who had fallen on the field of battle and showed by a diagram how a wounder soldier would be removed from the front to his home or depot without deterring the movement of the unit force. -Lieux.-Col. Rowlandson, in a few well-

chosen remarks, referred to the pleasure it afforded him to be present once again, and earnestly hoped that the Lodge would continue to work as successfully as hitherto. He regretted that so many had given way to drink since he last visited the Lodge, doubtless' occasioned by the gift of free drink during the Christmas at Malta. He ! was always willing to assist the temperance movement, and trusted many would avail themselves of the comforts and association of the A, my Temperance rooms recently opened in the barracks. A vote of thanks moved by the Chie

Templar and seconded by the Vice Temdar, with the National Anthem, brought the neceting to a close.

THE INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF SERIOUS POSITION OF THE FOOR SUPPLY OF

a question of grave importance, and one which affects the well-being of the inhabitants of the vast Chinese empire. Within the last thirty years there has been a steady increase in the price of this food commodity. Thirty years ago fifty-two cattles of rice could be obtained for one dollar, and ten or fifteen years ago thirty catties could be had for the same sum of money. A week or so all a dollar would buy from twentyfour to twenty five cutties, and at the present moment rice is barely obtainable at one dollar for eighteen or nineteen catties. The abnormal price of to-day is occasioned the cost of living has also had the effect of

raising prices. Had the Chinese Authorities studied the fundamental principle of supply and de niand, with the vast stretches of rich, arable land in the Empire, it is hardly possible that such a contingency should have occurred. It would seem that the time had almost come, when in the interests of humanity, Britain will have to dictate to China in hor egricultural administration, as we have had to do in the case of her Customs

A correspondent, writing from Canton, under date March 15, states :-'The deputation to the Governor-General last Saturday with reference to the great rise in the price of rice has so far been successful. Proclamations have been issued prohibiting the export of rice from Canton and measures taken to carry out these orders. In spite of these efforts the price is rising every day, and the discontent among the people is very great. Unless something is done to provide the people with cheaper food, it is hard to see how the peace of this city is going to be preserved. The other day two rice shops in Shek Lung and sent to Canton. were looted, and there was a report that a similar fashion on Sunday. So far this

report has not been confirmed. The trouble is that distress, however

LOCAL Composers, 6 Pieces, by Orange, Wards, &c. Xmae 1897. Price, \$1.00 .-Robinson Piano Company.

VESEELS AT THE DOCKS :- At Korologu-Kwanglee, Batuan, Progress, Propontis, H.I.G.M.S. Dentschland, Sishan, Kaipan,

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to ameliorate conditions,

Accomping to a note in the Peking Spectic it appears that the expenses of the Imperial THE NORTH RIVER.

SPECIALLY WRITTEN FOR THE OHINA

A WARNING TO THE UNROPHISTICATED The river above Ying Tak is wide and shallow, and in the winter ravigation is difficult. In some of the gorges of the North River you get 50 feet of water, but in other places not as many inches. Ex cept at certain seasons of the year, steam navigation is quite out of the question.

The traveller will notice in the country round Ying Tak and farther North, that the people are no longer speaking Can tonese but a dialect of Hakka. The people however, near the river are not so fine a race as the pure Hakkas. The dialects vary about every 20 miles, and the traveller wh strikes away from the river and takes with him a Cantonese boy will have to interpret for both the bay and the people. No love is lost between Cantonese and Hakkas. While the former sneer at the Hakkas because-they speak an unintelligible speech, the latior tease the Cantonese for their Smale sounds due to the harge number of sibilants peculiar to Cantonese. . If, how ever, the traveller be exceedingly patient and does not scatter ten-cent pieces to conciliate the crowd, he will find the people very good-natured. Let the traveller ware of thinking the people admire a man who throws money away, giving ten-cents where one cash is the rule, as in ferry mails, for instance. The people may stand in awe of such a man. They think him mad! The Chinese have a superstitions

dread of madmen.

THE EXPECTANT HUBBAND. About 12 miles above Ying Tak is a small market town called Mong Fu Kong or the 'expectant husband,' Quee, a husband wrote for his wife to come to him here; but the letter was lost, and day after day the man watched and waited in vain for the arrival of his faithful wife. She, poor soul, in the pass of Shin Hing, on the West Riyer, was watching and waiting for her husband's return, until the gods had pity upon them and turned them both to stone. There they are still-the petrified wife. waits in the pass at Shiu Hing, and the petrified husband waits at Mong Fu Koug. It seems, too, that the gods at the same time, for the sake of this faithful pair, blessed each Chinese with a heart of stone, The abnormal rise in the price of rice is so that he should be able ever after to wait and wait to the infinite terment of all poor foreigners anxious ' to close for the mail.

> A ROUGH MARKET PLACE. Eighteen miles above Ying Tak we come to the 'Rock of the Goddess of Mercy' all day long throwing explosive squibs into but could not find the boat ! the air; they explode with the report of echoes reverberate through the pass.

bank. Down this little stream come large quantities of sulphur prepared ata village a few miles away. At the mouth of this stream we archored for the night, under by the usual trie of beacons.

pass. Ching Kai and Sha Hau on the right. Tongue Rapid ' (She Lei Tan).

Sha Hau is a rough place on market days. You will stand a good chance of a stone hitting you in the back onless you walk very slowly through the crowded streets. Many bad characters loaf about this busy market, where rice is collected

The scenery along the river from Kun Yam Shek to She Lei Tan is very fino, but is much grander a few miles away from the

ANOTHER TIGER REGION.

This is the region for tigers. At the little village of Mung Lei, you will find scourge of the grasscutters. You must breakfast, though. For the Chinese are either a tiger or a monkey before breakfast. I once appeared before a country tannery at daylight with the skin of a tiger. When the tanner opened his door judge of is horror when he not only heard the fatal words Lo Fu, but saw the skin of the beast giving a few cash to the well-to-do tenner, lack of other companionship, the white affording him thus a natural opportunity of repeating the magic words 'Lai Shi, Lai historically, many dark deeds and horribly Shi, which tharm away all evil.

Many Chinese will not use the word tiger at all. They will tall him Big-Mouthed

reome down in the evening to feed on the pigs and dogs of the villagers.

It was in the tigor rone that we shchored. I did not see one. But as darkness fell I saw great red dragons of fire sating bare the hills. The people out the Massas L. G. C. Graliem, H. Phillips grano, which they cell at 10 centra picul dry! J. T. Pratt, W. P. M. Rusnoll; W P. This green is used for bitraing them and in printed Student Interpretors in the Con-

"at-bottomed boats. After the villagers have cut the grass they set fire to the grass heads' (Tso tan), or that which has escaped the sickle, and at the first shower of rain, new strong grass springs from the ashes.

Three miles before we come to Mung Lei, we pass on the right U Shek, a busy market town with trade in bamboos, rice and 'mountain produce.' The people here are very different from the inhabitants of Sha Hau, being of a far more amiable dis-

... A' RICH DISTRICT.

The traveller should cross the river and walk in the beautiful country opposite U Shek. Here he will find beautiful orchards peach and plum, with little farm houses almost hidden amongst trees are in bloom. Wandering amongst these fragrant orchards the traveller will suddenly come upon the pretty village of this village is very pretty, and has a background of some of the finest trees on the North River.

It is perhaps destined to become a great city. It has a fertile soil, producing fruit and grain, it has a river teeming with fish, and it has hills full of mineral wealth.

I visited a place in the hills where the once dug for coal. But, alas, in digging, the spade and hoe wounded the dragon's pulse! A man in the village became sick, and the rice eron was not so good. The wounded dragon was making himself obnexious, so years ago the mine was closed. I was consulted by the villagers on the subject of the pulses of dragons, Now, it is usiless trying to teach these printing, and makes Chinese composition a people, especially in an hour, that the dragon is a mythical reptile. I told the villagers that the dragon, no doubt, objected to having his back scratched on the surface, but that if they dug deep and sent : would be so pleased with the fresh air which they had given him that he would come to 'Hatchet Tor.'

A few miles beyond U Shek is Chuk Ko Tan, or Bamboo Pole Rapid, up which we ship's officers state that the explosion pass to Pak Sha, the villages of which place stand away from the water and amongst the trees seen in the distance. (Kun Yum Shek). This precipitous rock, As we were ascending the Chuk Ko Tan, partment. The captain was just leaving ence to the Yukon Customs question. rising sheer cut of the water, is about 200 | we saw three Ho Tous shead, just on- ed. He has sent a message of condolence | disaster in Finland. During a severe feet high. In a recess on the face of the toring the rapid, down which they came at to the relatives of the crew that storm the ice suddenly broke, and 200 cliff is a little temple very popular with the a fine speed. The Ho Taw contain people of the North River. This temple is ed the prefect of Shiu Kwan, his dedicated to the Goddess of Mercy, and is wives and furniture. The Prefect's The latest estimate of the number killed is that the agrarian socialistic movement in built at the mouth of a large care. This boat was easily distinguished by the panels cave is said to extend from the rock to whereon all his honours were inscribed, transpires that ninety members of the crew Ying Tak, but I doubt it. Here, from the fixed to the outside of his bout. I attemp. were terribly scalded. The New York French actress, has recently undergone a by the purchase of heavy consignments of balcony of the temple, the worshippers, who ted to photograph this boat as it shot past Journal, suspecting treachery, has offered severe operation for tumour. It is reportrice by Japan, but the steady increase in reach the temple by means of a boat, are down the rapid. I developed the plate, for evidence which will show that the dis. successful.

a rifle are they reach the water, and the Hap, or Yellow Hair Gorge. The water of the pass is very deep and great fish of 15- sion, though at the same time they contend mass in connection with the celebrations Just beyond this rock, a little stream | catties are said to have been taken there. flows into the North River on the right At the end of this pass, and to the left, is a small plot of ground amongst the rocks, where a horseshoe grave is to be seen The geometicers say that if ancestors are British Government at the sad calamity, Canadian Government proposed to limit buried there their descendants will become the ruin of a former military post guarded rich, but the riches in this case will 'take to themselves wings' again. You must go | the Prince of Wales, the Emperor Wil-Leaving the sulphur stream at dawn, we elsewhere to bury the dead if you would have permanent wealth, and must pay a sent messages of sympathy to President and anchor 21 "miles away at 'Snake's little share of the anticipated riches to the geomancer.

W. F. WENYON.

REVIEW.

WILD LIFE IN THE SOUTHERN SEAS. By win -1897;

sketches of life in several of the islands of

Oceania, a field of wonderful romance and daring adventure. Mr Becke's stirring declares that the reports of imaginary disstories, cast in strange scenes, have atamped him as a powerful writer, with a keen, rities. observant eye. His descriptions are pictures of photographic nicety, in clear and people eager for you to go and shoot the vigorous English. In this collection, the the services of an officer from the British experiences of a lifetime amongst those not speak about tigers to the people before strange and primitive people of the Southern Sons are told in an entrancing manner, bringing to mind the stories of very superstitious in many places about the Spanish main in Elizabethan days or certain animals, and you must not mention | the later voyages of Cook. The author has lived in close companionship with these peoples, joining with free-heartedness in the construction of her Manchuria railway, their sports and avocations, sympathising The Czar of Russia is said to be indigwith them in their sorrows. A thrilling pioture is that of a two hours' fight between marine monsters, gazed at on an Octobermorning from a lonely headland of the northern coast of New South Wales, but the scenes of other advantures are in and around very little known isles, where, from traders live in close communion with the natives. When dealing with his subjects revolting tragedies are pictured, but the work of John Williams, the pionoer missignary, and his compatriots, has truly obtained firm root in these isles, and the Cat' or 'Big Chattel,' &u., anything but | author's personal experiences, as related in this volume, have been amongst a people who live a happy and contented existence The tigers lie in the daytime amongst in this Paradisc of low-lying and palm the red-brown grass of the hillside, and sheltered coral isles of the Southern Seas,

He kissed her on the ruby lips She nearly had a fit. For they, you see, were man and wife, And she wasn't used to it. -

DR SHEFFIELD'S ORINESE TYPEWRITER.

(From a Correspondent;) Canton, March 15.

In answer to a resolution of the Canton Missionary Conference congratulating him on his invention of a Chinese Typewriter. Dr Sheflield sends the following interesting information with regard to the history of for a similar purpose. his machine :-

The invention was completed ten years

ago, and a wooden machine built by a Chinese carpenter under my direction was sent to the United States. When in America in 1890, Mr Holly, of Lockport, from the wooden model, constructed the machine which I am now using. The delay in perfeeting the wheel and other-complications prevented the realization of my hope that the trees. It is a beautiful sight when these machine would soon be given to the public. Meanwhile, I returned to China and only a the second count, the Public Prosecutor year and a half ago succeeded in having the machine sent to me. The long delay, and Eu Tau Leng, & Hatchet Tor, where on he lack of appreciation from these who the great threshing floor, nearly the length only saw in my attempts another of those of the yellow mud village, he will possibly | 'brilliant' ideas that was only born to die, find sliced turnips or salted cabbages decay- cooled my enthusiasm, but on receiving the ing slowly but very perceptibly in the blazing inachine and putting it to the test, I find sun, and will wish he had not come. But | there are in it greater possibilities than I | THREE YORKSHIREMEN STILL MISSING ON at first dared to hope.

The machine is simpler than that of a foreign typewriter, and there is no reason why it cannot be made and sold as cheaply I doubt if I shall succeed in setting matters It is known, so far as we hear, that these in motion to manufacture the machine till I return to the United States in 1899. Meanwhile, my experience in the use of great-grandfathers, of the present villagers | the machine is helping me to appreciate the | is yet known of what became of them. possible points of improvement, and cspecially in the arrangement of characters for rapid access. I am now making a further revision and modification of characters The lists will be in three classes : very common, common, and less common Nine-tenths of all the characters will come from a list of seven hundred in a space and had to pronounce on the question. the two hands. This gives rapidity to

### LATE TELEGRAMS.

DETAILS OF THE "MAINE" DISASTER. London, Feb. 18. - In consequence of Bristol in September next, sims at the the suspicions aroused by the disaster settlement of all trade disputes by pacific shaft right down to the dragon's nose, he to the Maine, prices on the New York means. The arrival at Sheffield of twenty-Stock Exchange fell heavily on the five railway truck loads of German-made 15th, though towards the close of the hydraulic apparatus has caused a great sensaday's business there was a recovery tion. The importation of this machinery sleep and grow fat, and prosperity would The Government at Washington has ac- was, it is stated, neces-itated by the reconted without comment, the information cent strike and the consequent imbility of the accident, and is waiting the result of the local orgineering firms to fulfil of the inquiry which is to be made. The their contracts in the home workshops. originated in the central magazine. Few of the crew had time to reach the deck, as | dent at New York, reports that the remost of thom were asleop. Several of the lations between the United States and men were jammed into the turpedo com- Canada are considerably strained in referthe deck house when the explosion occurrwere killed or wounded. The Cuban sec- fishermen who were on the floe were carrition of the Foreign Relations Committee ed out to sea. Forty of them were rescued. in the Senate fears grave complications.

With reference to the disaster, it now revolt of the peasants, a reward of 50,000 dollars (about £10,000) ed that the operation has been entirely aster was due to a criminal outrage. The Leaving Pak Sha, we enter Wong Mo leading American newspapers, in comment- where His Holiness Pope Leo XIII, is ing on the disaster, acquit the Spanish Go- celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of his vernment of any complicity in the explo- admission to the priesthood. The first that the public should be cautious in ac- was held yesterday. Thousands of pilgrims cepting the theory that the disaster was are visiting the Holy City in connection due to an accident. Sir Julian Pauncefote, with the event. the British Ambassador at Washington, has sent'a message of condulence to President tary of State, speaking at Ottawa on the M'Kinley expressing the deep regret of the 13th, intimated that after August next the and assuring the United States Govern- the operation of the minimum tariff to ment of intense British sympathy.

Her Majesty Queen Victoria, H R. H Havana state that the Maine has almost end of last month. disappeared. The United States Coverns mont is sending a naval board to inquire into the causes of the disaster. A number of expert divers will accompany the hoard, to which the Spanish Government has appointed a representative to watch over Spanish interests. The survivors of the Louis Becke. London, T. Fisher Un- disaster are convinced that the explosion was the result of an accident. Mr G. W. ed there in about a fortnight. Sium This is a collection of remarkably vivid Smalley, the New York correspondent of Observer, the London Times, says that the greatness of the disaster has sobered the belligerent tendencies of Congress. Mr Smalley also coveries which the Jingo newspapers are OPIUM-New Patne, cash; ... 703 publishing are discredited by the autho-

A BRITISH OFFICER FOR THE CHINESE

It is stated that China has asked for army to raise a force, consisting of air thousand Chinese troops, his head quarters to he at Pinyang, whence he shall be ready to defend the Chinese capital, RUSSIA AND CHINA. A Rauter's despatch from Pekin states

that the Russo-Chinese treaty does not prevent China from borrowing abroad for The Czar of Russia, is said to be indignant at the discovery that a Chinese delegate is in St, Potersburg, and that he is instructed to conduct railway negotiations only. The Russian Am assador at Pekin, it appears, has been wrongly informed that the loan negotiations were included in the delegate's instructions. PARIS EXHIBITION .-- AN APPEAL BY THE PRINCE OF WALES. H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, in preside

ing, on the 17th, over the commission which has been formed in England to arrange for British exhibits at the Paris Eg. position of 1900, said that the exhibition bade fair to surpass any of its predocessors in the extent of its aplendour. His Royal Highness drew attention to the fact that whoreas Germany had voted £250,000, and even Switzerland had subscribed £66,000 towards the exhibition, the British Government had sanctioned an expenditure of only £75,000. This amount it was feared, would proved insufficient, and he trusted that the commission would prevail on the Tressury to augment the rote ounsiderably. ludie, the colonies, and the great indussented, and bonsidering the good laternational rivairy hatween manorasturers, it was necessary for the commission to give prominguos to the Urisian Bapire in the

lent opportunity for asserting British commercial supremacy; and he-trusted that the display would be not unworthy of the

Mr G. N. Carzon, in reply to a question in the House of Commons on the 14th, stated that the Government proposed to make a grant of £850,000 in connection with the British Court at the Paris Exhibition of 1900. He added that Germany had sanctioned a vote of one million pounds

LONDON MONEY-LENDING CASE; Lord William Nevill was placed upon his trial on the 14th, in connection with the money-lending case in which it was alleged that he improperly obtained the signature of Mr. Spender' Clay, a subaltern of the Life Guards, to certain promissory notes in favour of a money-lender, named Mr Lewis. There were two counts in the indictment against the prisoner, one charging him with forgery and the other with fraudulent pretonces. The prisoner pleaded 'guilty' to the second count and 'not guilty' to the charge of forgery. In view of a plea of guilty having been entered on decided to drop the first. The prisoner was thereupon sentenced to five years' penal servitude. Lord Nevill appeared to he dazed when the warder touched him on the shoulder. On leaving the dock, ho was removed to Newgate Prison, where he. was allowed to have an interview with his wife in the presence of the Governor. Ha was afterwards taken to the prison at

THE INDIAN PRONTIER. Lahore, February 22.-We hear from Mananai that Mr Hastings, the Political Officer, has failed to recover the bodies of the remaining three men of the Yorkshire Light Infantry who fell at Shin Kamar, men (Lanca-Sergeant Axleby, Lanca-Corporal Cautrell, and Private Beattie) were killed and not wounded; but in spite of every effort to recover the bedies, nothing

ACCIDENT TO LORD SALISHURY. London, Feb. 18 .- The Prime Minister. Lord. Salisbury, narrowly escaped from a serious accident on the 16th. He was driving with his second son, the Roy. Lord William Cecil, rector of Bishop's Hatfield to Hatfield House, his country residence in Hertfortshire, and at the entrance to Hatfield Park the wind blow the iron gate against the carriage, which was completely wrecked. Lord Salisbury was enveloped in the debris, but luckily was unhurt. GERMAN HYDRAULIC MATERIAL FOR

The committee of the Dirminglam Trade Union Congress has prepared a scheme for the general federation of the trades unions. This scheme, which is to be submitted to the forthcoming Trades Union Congress at

Mr G. W. Smalley, the Times correspon-

News has just been received of a terrible Reports received from Buda-Pest state Hungary is assuming the proportions of e

Madame Sarah Bernhardt, the eminent

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THE Kabin gold mines in Sinn are said by liam of Germany, and the Marquis of the Minn Pres Pres to be now worked Salisbury, the British Premier, have by a wholly English stall under Mr Herbert Way. The last of the Frenchmen employe M Kinley. The latest reports from ed at the mines were to leave Siam at the

M. DEFRANCE, the French Minister Resident in Siam, left Europe for Bangkok on Feb. 13. M. Olarowsky, the Russian Minister who is to negotiate the treaty with Sinm, is to leave Odessa in the second week of March. Mr Hamilton King, the new American Minister to Siam, is expect-

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ROUND THE WORLD IN TWENTY.

EIGHT DAYS. M. Chilkoff, the Russian Minister of Communications, is reported to have stated that when the Siberian railway is opened world may be made in thirty-three days. covered as follows: - Bremen to Petersburg, one and a half day; Vladivostock to San Francisco, ten days

half days; New York to Bremen; seven discumstances there is a feeling that the days; total, thirty-three days. An value of such marantees as Lord Salisbury American correspondent goes, one better parades is doubtful. than that; he proposes to reduce the length of the world's journey to twenty-eight days. The figures given by the Russian Minister are evidently based on the actual running speeds of the various railway and steamship lines and an estimated average speed of about twenty five miles an home from the Russian capital to Vladivostock. But it is suggested that if the traveller had the services of the fastest existing ships on the ocean, and the trains were run at the highest rate of speed consistent with the gradients, curves and condition of the permanent way of railways in the various districts passed over, five days might be saved Thus the Kaise Whithelm would be available for the Atlan tic passage, with her average speed of 22.34 knots per hour, and a twenty knot ship is assumed for the Pacific passage. To maintain the high averages of the special trains it is further assumed that speeds of from sixby to seventy rates an hour would be maintained on level stretches of country to make up for time lost in crossing mountains. The probable best times that could be made by engaging special trains, assuraing the ocean passages to be performed at the 'speeds mentioned, would be as follows : Leindon to Moscow, 36 hours ; Moscow to Vladicostock, 1494 hours: Vladicostock to San Francisco, 270 homs ; San Francisco to New York, 73 1 hours a New York to Ply mouth, 123 S hours Plymouth to London. a total of twenty-seven days seventeen hours for the whole journey. If seven hours be allowed for delay in transfers, we

GREAT BRITAIN AND CHINA. IMPORTANT DECLARATION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRADE.

round the world.

ary, Mr C T. Ritchie, President of the Board of Trade, made the following imthe various portions of the Chinese Empire. Empire opened out to commercial interwith China, and therefore were certain ! with, and this seems to have led to an more interested in its development than abrupt termination of any possible negotiaany other country; and what they do- tions. The demands on the victim, however, sired was that, both in the interests did not cease, and the worry of the affair of China and in the interests of the soon had a marked effect on the health of commercial world, that opening up should the victim, and at last, unable to bear take place. China, in order to free it- the anxiety longer, he placed from its difficulties, had asked whole matter in the hands of one of England for money, and, contrary to cus- the most distinguished criminal linestom, looking at the great commercial quest tigators of Scotland Yard, and also tions involved, they had thought them- communicated details to his political selves justified in consenting to lend them chief. The whole of the correspondence, the money. Naturally, we desired to ob- of course, was submitted to the detective, tain certain advantages in return, and one who found it necessary to call to his of the auggestions made by our Ambassador aid cortain of the Post Office officials in China, he believed, was that the port of as a means of prosecuting his investigaport, after all, was not the one of great im portance, and our commercial interests their power an official of the Post Office, were in another part of China. Although who had been the means of carefully guardwe desired to see that port opened for trade, we desired to see many other ports opened also, and it was abourd to say they insisted on the the members of the gang in all that was opening of Ta-lien-wan as a condition. taking placing that they had been enabled, They had never done anything of the kind, for the moment, at any rate to keep themand it was absurd to charge them with having abandoned it when they found they could not obtain it. Sir Hichael Hicks. Beach had been upbrabled because, in a sueech at Swansen, he referred in a very forcible manner to this matter, and it had been connected most unwarrantably, with the question of this port in Manchuria; It had nothing to do with it, and it never on ered into their minds that it would be connected with it. What the Government said was they would allow no Power to luxurious growth. Also in a golden colour for interfere with the treaties which we have fair and golden baired ladies and children. Ask with China, and which gave to us the Stores and Chemists for Rowland's Macassan freedom of entry into every port which | Oil, of Hatton Garden, London. might be open under the authority or by the request of whatever Power existed. We claimed no exclusive privileges, but were determined to maintain our rights in every port in China. We would allow no interference with commerce and trade in China, and if anyone attempted to do so they know the result would be war. This was what the Chancellor of the Exchequer said; this was what the Government now said. This was the policy they had deli-berately adopted, and from it they were determined not to be moved. It was in the rich provinces lying along the Yangiso River that the greatest prospects existed for our commerce, and both there and elsewhere they were determined to maintain the position which they now occupied,

Tite cost of the Formosan milway, to be constructed by the Jananese Government, is estimated at 30 million ren, to be spread over eight years. It is estimated that some 800,000 year will appear in the estimates for the present year.

and, if they could, to improve it.

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The dissatisfaction among the Minis-

terialists with regard to the Policy of the Government in the Far East is as strong as ever, the Munchester Churchian says. Lord Salisbury managed to reassure his followers to some extent on Feb 8, not so much by what he said as by the tone which he adopted in dealing with the course of the negotiations. But it is realised, as some of the Ministerialists say, that British diplomacy has not been as successful as could be wished. Whether the original is not the point which interests the Forward party on the Ministerial benches. What concerns them is, they say, the indisputable fact that Russia. less influenced the withdrawal of 27 demands which they would like to have realised. One thing is pointed out by some of the critics of the Government on their own side of the House. Russia, according to Lord Salisbury, has guaranteed not to interfere with our treaty rights, say in Ta-lien-wan. This warranty will hold good, of course, as long as the treaty rights exist and Russin, in Lord Salisbury's words, only throughout its entire length the tour of the comploys' the part. But supposing Russia annexes if and it becomes Russian territory, The various divisions of the journey are any rights which we have under treaties with China would, according to the new interpretation of international law, (pso-Petersburg to Vladivostock, ten days : finto cease to exist. Treaties with China are not treaties with Russia: It might be San Francisco to New York, four and a the case of Madagascar over again. In any

> BLACKMAILING A CABINET MINISTER.

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